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TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE: December 1, 2014

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RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GOLD CANYON SEWER COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREON. DOCKET NO. SW-02519A-06-0015

SUBJECT: Compliance Report on odor issues; Request to discontinue Compliance Reporting on Odor Issues

INTRODUCTION

On June 28, 2007, the Commission issued Decision No. 69664 granting a rate increase to Gold Canyon Sewer Company ("Company"). Pursuant to that Decision, Staff was ordered to "conduct annual odor detection site visits and provide a report in this docket by December 31 of each year, as a compliance measure, with the first report to be filed by no later than December 31, 2007." This memorandum is Staff's compliance report for 2013. Staff also requests that the requirement to conduct annual odor detection site visits and the filing of a compliance report be discontinued.

COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Staff's Report

Staff conducted two site visits on June 17, 2014 and June 23, 2014. During the site visits, Staff toured the wastewater treatment plant ("WWTP"), the MountainBrook Village Subdivision east of the WWTP, and the commercial area west of the WWTP; i.e., Bashas area.¹ During its site visit, Staff did not detect any odors.

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¹ The WWTP was toured once on June 17, 2014.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") Status

Annual Compliance Inspection

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") did its last inspection of this facility on March 25, 2009. ADEQ's inspection report was attached to Staff's 2009 Compliance Report.

Compliance Status Report

On May 26, 2014, ADEQ reported that the Company's WWTP is not currently in violation at a level at which ADEQ will take an action or issue a Notice of Opportunity to Correct or Notice of Violation and/or is in compliance with the Order/Judgment.²

STAFF CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff has been submitting its ordered Compliance Reports since 2007 and these reports indicate that Staff has detected no odors. Staff conducted its latest odor detection site visit on June 23, 2014, during this site visit Staff did not detect any odors.

A search of the Consumer Services database relating to odor issues submitted by customers in the Gold Canyon Sewer service area reveals that from January 1, 2013, through June 3, 2014, zero complaints and/or opinions had been filed.

Based on these conclusions, Staff recommends that the requirement to conduct site visits and the filing of Compliance Reports that are required to be docketed by December 31st of each year be discontinued. Because this is a prospective request, Staff believes the A.R.S. § 40-252 is not implicated. Nonetheless, Staff has notified all parties to this docket of its request and any party can file comments regarding Staff's request.



Steven Olea, Director
Utilities Division

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Originator: Del Smith

² Compliance period: January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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17 BY THE COMMISSION:

18 FINDINGS OF FACT

19 1. Gold Canyon is engaged in providing sewer service within portions of Maricopa
20 County, Arizona, pursuant to authority granted by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

21 2. The Commission issued Decision No. 69664 (June 28, 2007) granting a rate increase to
22 Gold Canyon Sewer Company ("Company"). Pursuant to that Decision, Staff was ordered to
23 "conduct annual odor detection site visits and provide a report in this docket by December 31 of each
24 year, as a compliance measure, with the first report to be filed by no later than December 31, 2007."
25 Staff requests that the requirement to conduct annual odor detection site visits and the filing of a
26 compliance report be discontinued.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Compliance Reports from Gold Canyon Sewer Company regarding odor issues shall be discontinued.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this _____ day of _____, 2014.

JODI JERICH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISSENT: _____

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